

To: Hawai'i Hunter Community

From: Pūlama Lāna'i Department of Conservation

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Subject: Winter 2021-2022 CGMA Doe and Ewe Control Program

Like much of Maui County, Lāna'i has been in a prolonged drought for most of 2021. The drought has impacted resources across the island including threatened and endangered plants, watershed, agriculture, and landscaping. Emaciated deer and sheep have been increasingly seen on the landscape, in town, and along roads looking for forage highlighting the overabundance of deer and sheep on Lāna'i.

In an effort to reduce the herd size closer to levels that are more sustainable, Pūlama Lāna'i has received a wildlife control permit from DLNR to conduct axis doe and mouflon ewe control hunts in the Lāna'i CGMA through February 28, 2022. This permit allows Pūlama Lāna'i to manage control hunts in the CGMA with Pūlama Lāna'i staff and community hunters. We are grateful to continue working with DLNR to manage the deer and sheep herd on Lāna'i during these unique times.

# Winter 2021-2022 CGMA Doe and Ewe Control Program

The following rules are in place between <u>December 6, 2021 and February 25, 2022</u>. These rules may change without notice. Up-to-date rules will be available at the Pūlama Lāna'i hunting office at (808) 565-3102 or online at <a href="https://www.lanai96763.com/">https://www.lanai96763.com/</a>. Please read carefully.

# Participation requirements:

- Hawai'i residents possessing a valid 2021-2022 State of Hawai'i hunting license, are otherwise legally allowed to hunt, and are NOT sick with COVID-19 or serving a COVID-19 related quarantine at the time of the hunt.
- There are **no permit fees** to participate in the control program.

## When:

- Not all units are open every day
- Weekly, December 6 February 25
  - o Mondays, archery only in Unit 3
  - o Tuesdays, rifle in Unit 1
  - o Wednesdays, rifle in Unit 2
  - o Thursdays, rifle in Unit 1
  - o Fridays, archery only, Unit 3
- CLOSED on weekends and state holidays for bird season

#### General Rules:

- All rules involving safety areas, blaze, firearm use, permit carry, etc. remain in effect. DLNR and MPD rules can be found here at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/StateMPD">https://tinyurl.com/StateMPD</a>. Pūlama Lāna'i rules can be found here at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/PLHuntRules">https://tinyurl.com/PLHuntRules</a>.
  - Hunters are responsible for knowing and following these rules. Failure to do so may result in loss of hunting privileges and/or enforcement by Pūlama Lāna'i staff and DLNR-DOCARE officers.
- Hunters must carry a copy of their State Hunting License and Control Permit while hunting, and have it readily available to show Pūlama Lāna'i or DLNR staff at any time.
- Hunters may harvest axis deer (antlerless ONLY) and mouflon sheep (ewes ONLY). There is no bag limit.
  - o Hunters who intentionally shoot bucks or rams will lose control privileges in the CGMA as well as hunting privileges in the unguided Pūlama Lāna'i areas.
- Shooting times are from 30 min before sunrise until 30 min after sunset.
- Animals MUST be quartered with genitals attached to one leg or removed from the field whole (gutting in field permitted).
  - o Hunters may return bones and non-edible scraps to the hunting area provided they are away from public access roads and covered with a layer of dirt.
  - o Any other remains should be disposed of at the County landfill. Dumping carcasses or carcass parts in or around town may result in suspension of hunting privileges.

### How to Check in/out:

- Hunters must sign into at the Pūlama Lāna'i hunter sign in/out station behind Pūlama Lāna'i Central Services Building.
- **IMPORTANT!** When hunters leave the control area after their hunt, they must IMMEDIATELY sign out at the Pūlama Lāna'i hunter sign in/out station WITH their harvest animals/quarters for inspection. This is required for all hunters including those who do not harvest any animals. The Pūlama Lāna'i hunter sign in/out station will be open 8am-11am and 2pm-9pm.
- Failure to sign in/out or report harvest may result in loss of control program privileges.

### How to make a reservation:

- Hunters may only reserve for one week at a time.
- Hunters may hunt for all 5 days of the hunting week.
- Hunters may reserve a maximum of 4-weeks in advance.
- Hunters may cancel their reservation if necessary.
  - o NOTE; there is a 1-strike policy for no-call, no-show (failure to sign in for hunt without cancelling). Any hunter who makes a reservation and fails to check in WITHOUT cancelling their reservation 24-hours in advance will be prohibited from participating at a later date.
- Call (808) 565-3102, Monday Friday, 2-5 PM to make reservation.
- Maximum 50 non-Lāna'i hunters and 20 Lāna'i resident hunters <u>per week.</u> on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please leave a message if no one picks up immediately. Flights, lodging, and rental vehicles on Lāna'i are limited; we recommend checking availability before making a reservation.